

27. Hardener composition for use in the method of claim 16,
wherein it comprises a filler in an amount of less than 20% by
weight and a volatile acid.

28. Hardener composition according to claim 27, wherein it
comprises volatile acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

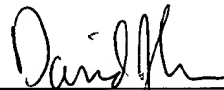
29. Hardener composition according to claim 27, wherein the
volatile acid is formic acid, acetic acid, or pyrovic acid.

30. Hardener composition according to claim 27, wherein it
comprises a filler in the amount of less than 10% by weight.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, new claims are presented for
examination.

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